

Initial calendar report released

Report raises more questions than answers about idea

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The first look at a possible shift to year-round school was published Friday, identifying the initial issues that would need to be considered.

The issues were published in an official report and presented to the chancellor by the 12 Month Operational Plan Task Force.

"The task force identified four areas where some actions need to be taken. By action, I mean a little more exploration or analysis," said Scott Tarry, director of the Aviation Institute and president of the Faculty Senate. "The first of the four areas is the budget. There needs to be a better understanding of how the university budget works and how the tuition model works."

But whether or not students want expanded options still needs to be explored, Tarry said. However, some data was gathered, showing that 39 percent of students polled would take more classes during the summer, if they were available.

The survey was administered to more than 500 students in 14 courses in mid-December.

When asked if the courses should span over five to seven weeks or 14 weeks, a majority of 52 percent responded with a preference of five to seven week courses. The foremost issue for students not interested in summer courses was a lack of a break from school.

"The second question was: Is there student demand for more summer courses or different kinds of courses? There

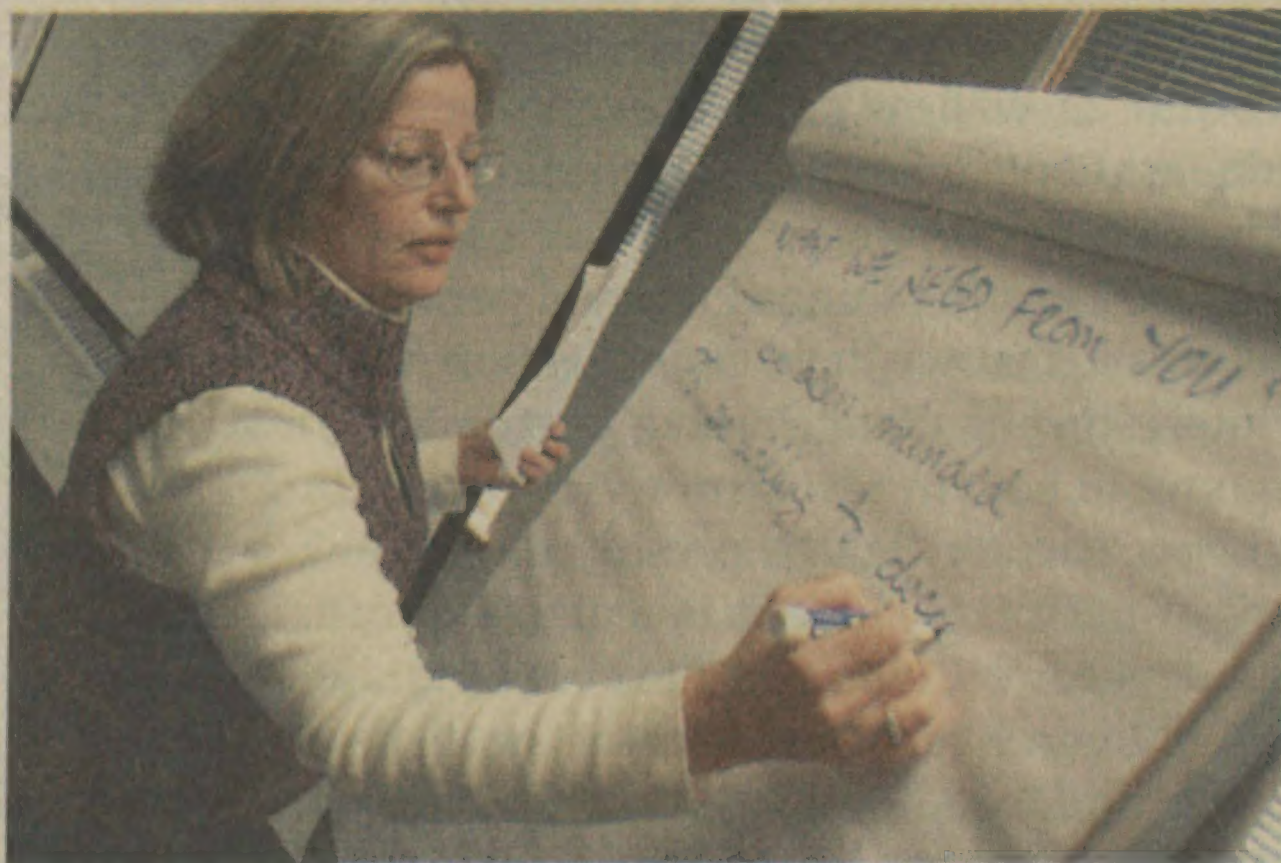


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Linda Mannering, director of Institutional Research, writes ideas during a task force brainstorming session on Nov. 14.

have been some studies done, preliminary studies, which indicate that there is an interest. It's not well defined what that interest is or the extent of the interests by students, but the idea that there could be more flexibility would certainly appeal to students," Tarry said.

The report also highlighted financial aid and administrative complications as potential pitfalls for a changing UNO.

Tarry said the role of the task force was not to construct a specific plan of any kind but to identify the issues that could arise from a 12-month calendar.

"What we've done is identify the key issues that need

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Statements by county attorney, mayor raise allegations of racial motivation in murder

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Kyle Bormann was formally charged with the first-degree murder of pre-nursing student Brittany Williams in documents filed Thursday in Douglas County District Court.

Along with the charges, a statement released by Douglas County Attorney Don Kleine stated that there was evidence that race was a motivating factor in Williams' murder.

The *Omaha World-Herald* reported Thursday that Kleine said Bormann's first comments after being arrested were about black people. The *World-Herald* also reported Kleine said Bormann made remarks about the officiating of the New York Giants-Green Bay Packers conference championship game, where Bormann "said something about the officiating favoring the black players," the newspaper said.

According to the statement, the evidence of racism in the shooting "comes from inferences regarding the incident itself and from the words of the defendant."

"We cannot and will not tolerate or ignore the evil of racial prejudice, an evil that can divide and destroy our community," Kleine said in the statement. "We

must rise together as one to confront bigotry and hate and the violence that comes from such. We will honor Brittany Williams' life and the lives of all victims of violent crime by seeking justice and doing everything within our power to prevent these acts of violence born of these disturbing and unimaginable thoughts, thoughts which are contrary to the morals and beliefs of the people of Douglas County."

In addition to the first-degree murder charge and a charge of using a weapon to commit a felony, Kleine also filed notice of aggravating circumstance. The aggravator, that the choice of the victim was made because of skin color, could be used by the county attorney's office to seek the death penalty if Bormann is convicted.

Bormann, 19, is accused of shooting Williams while she was in the drive-through lane of the Kentucky Fried Chicken/Long John Silver's restaurant at 7601 N. 30th St. on Jan. 21. Bormann was arrested shortly after the shooting. Judge Jeffrey Marcuzzo, who cited the seriousness of the crime, denied Bormann bail on Jan. 23.

Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey also released a statement Thursday addressing the possible racial motivation in Williams' murder.

"Omaha prides itself on its fair-minded citizens, strong appreciation for diversity and the fact that our community allows children to grow-up in a safe and respectful environment," Fahey said in the statement. "This act, and any other racially motivated violence, is not representative of our citizens or our community and it will not be tolerated."

The Omaha Hate Crimes Coordinating Council, a coalition of Omaha organizations dedicated to

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Going green: Teach-in discusses global warming



photo by Bill Wendt
Whitney Hoff, left, asks a question about environmental policy to U.S. Representative Lee Terry during the Focus the Nation event moderated by Patrick Wheeler in the Milo Bail Student Center on Thursday.

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Students near the Fireside Lounge around 11:30 a.m. on Thursday might have thought it strange to see a faculty member singing a Bob Dylan song on his guitar. Others might have wondered what was going on around 1 p.m. when a presentation quite similar to Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" was taking place.

Both of these scenes, and countless others, were part of a daylong conversation about global warming that

took place in the Milo Bail Student Center last Thursday.

The events were held as part of the nation-wide Focus the Nation project, which brought together more than 1,500 colleges and universities across the country — as well as hundreds of high schools, churches and civic groups — to discuss issues related to global warming.

UNO's events consisted of a "teach-in," where faculty and community members discussed topics such as transportation, energy use, public health and climatology.

"It's been a large project in the making, but it's finally paid off, and I think we did a good job," said Allyson Lenhart, a UNO student and event organizer. "Hopefully we can be the leaders on this campus and really make a difference."

The presentations began with Senior Chemical and Radiation Specialist Patrick Wheeler, one of the event organizers, addressing the issue of why people should care. Afterwards, Wheeler said he wanted students who attended the event to walk away with a sense that they need to be involved in their future.

"They have to ask; they have to act," Wheeler said.

Wheeler went on to say that his goal for the campus was to help people cross departmental divisions and establish a dialogue on how to address environmental issues on campus.

Highlights of the day included a talk by David Corbin, an education professor, who began his segment by singing Bob Dylan's "Too Much of Nothing" and showing his dance video "Bagdaddy" (uk.youtube.com/watch?v=80Ky4B9FCJI).

Another highlight was when U.S. Representative Lee Terry joined Chester Black of the Omaha Public Works Department to field questions from the audience about environmental issues being addressed by the federal and municipal governments.

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Kyle Bormann

Coming Next Issue...

Profile of artist Bart Vargas, an alumnus who created "The Nest."

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Track weekend meets



After losing several All-Americans, the track team stepped up and recorded wins in Doane and Lincoln last week.

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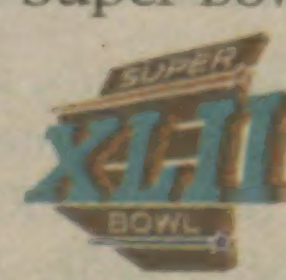
Men's b-ball triumph



Men's basketball team defeated St. Cloud State this weekend and prepare to challenge South Dakota.

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Super Bowl ads



The Gateway staff gives its picks for best and worst Super Bowl ads following this Sunday's game.

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Cultural awareness



UNO celebrated Cultural Awareness Week, which featured an array of multicultural events.

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Search for vice chancellor replacement nearing end, all campus visits by candidates concluded

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NEWS EDITOR

Each of the four candidates for a top administrative position have made their campus visits and now await the evaluating process to see if they will be hired as senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs.

The feedback forms, available during of the candidates' visits, will be compiled and presented to the chancellor later this week, said Acting Vice Chancellor Sheri Noren Everts.

"A draft is updated every day and will be final when we will have all the feedback from the campus," said Noren Everts.

Noren Everts has accepted an appointment as vice president for academic affairs and provost at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill., and will begin on July 1.

The four candidates are Charles D. Hurt, former provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin at River Falls; Terry Hynes, dean emeriti and professor at the University of Florida's College of Journalism and Communication;

Gordon McQuere, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan.; and Suzanna Ortega, vice provost dean of the Graduate School at the University of Washington.

Each of the candidates participated in a public forum as well as several events sponsored by UNO departments and offices, including an event hosted by the Faculty Senate.

"One of the things I learned personally through all of this is that we have an institution here that offers an interesting challenge and opportunities for whoever is going to be our new senior vice chancellor," said Scott Tarry, Faculty Senate president. "I think finding the right person to come in is really about fit. I don't have an answer for who was the best candidate."

Noren Everts said each of the visits was a success, with both candidates and campus members getting to know each other better.

"Each of the four candidates mentioned to me how welcoming the UNO campus was and how they appreciated all the opportunities to talk with the faculty staff and administration on the campus," said Noren Everts. "I'd also like to thank the campus for their assistance with this very important process."

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Terry told the group that he thinks attention should be focused on developing technology to generate energy so that emissions can subsequently be lowered. He also said he thought more solutions existed at the federal level than with the states and that both energy generation and emissions fell in the purview of interstate commerce.

Terry also urged his constituents to contact him with their concerns, whether by telephone or e-mail.

"I try to make myself accessible," Terry said. "Just call 397-9944."

Wheeler said he was happy with the way Terry's question-and-answer session went. "I didn't agree with everything that he thought was a priority, but I was encouraged," Wheeler said. "I didn't think it was softball, but I think it was very fair. He didn't come here to get crucified, but we came here to learn."

After the event, Lenhart said she was pleased with the turnout. An exact headcount was unavailable, though, because the number of students passing the event was impossible to determine.

For more information from the event, including suggestions on how to combat global warming and other information about climate change, visit Wheeler's Web page for the event, www.unomaha.edu/ehs/focus.php.

News You Can Use

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Tax relief with sorority offered

Who: Gamma Xi Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

What: Tax assistance with H&R Block.

Where: Durham Science Center Room 104.

When: Saturday, Feb. 9, from noon to 3 p.m.

Why: To be stress free by getting your taxes done early.

How: RSVP with aeaster2@bigred.unl.edu. Space is limited.

Chamber orchestra presents 'Romance, Roses' concert

Who: UNO Chamber Orchestra.

What: A romantic concert of Viennese waltzes.

Where: Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom.

When: Saturday, Feb. 9, from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Why: To enjoy a romantic event to celebrate Valentine's Day and enjoy music. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Heartland Philharmonic Orchestra Scholarship Fund.

How: For tickets or information, call 554-3427. Tickets are \$15 for individuals and \$25 for couples. Students can get discounted tickets for \$10 or \$15 for couples.

Black History Month activities underway

Who: Cultural Awareness Programs.

What: "The Pan African Gathering"

Where: Milo Bail Student Center Nebraska Room.

When: Thursday, Feb. 7, noon to 2 p.m.

Why: To remember the important people and events in African American history during Black History Month.

How: All events are free and open to the public.

International 'Difficult Dialogue' planned

Who: International Studies and Programs.

What: Interactive discussion titled "What Omaha Do You Live In? An International Perspective."

Where: Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom.

When: Thursday, Feb. 7, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Why: To discuss issues affecting the UNO community.

How: Register with Elizabeth at 554-2293 or by e-mail at nhayes@mail.unomaha.edu by Feb. 4.

Disabilities walk, roll planned at Westroads

Who: Adult Recreation Therapy program at UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute.

What: Fundraiser for the MMI through a walk and roll for disabilities event.

Where: Second floor of Westroads Mall.

When: Registration begins at 11 a.m. on Feb. 17.

Why: To help raise a \$1 million sustaining endowment to help sponsor programs including chaperoned vacations, social dining, sports clubs and other activities.

How: Registration is \$15 per person and includes a free t-shirt. Refreshments and door prizes will be available for all attendees.

French film festival scheduled for Sundays

Who: The French-American Cultural Exchange.

What: Free public exhibitions of contemporary French films.

Where: Eppley Administration Building Auditorium.

When: Showtime is 2 p.m. on the following dates: Feb. 24, *Stupeurs et Tremblements* (PG-13, comedy/drama, 102 min.); March 30, *Indigènes* (R, drama/history, 120 min.); April 20, *Viva Laldgérie* (NR, drama, 113 min.); and May 11, *Comme une Image* (PG-13, comedy, 110 min.).

Why: To experience a taste of French culture through film.

How: For more information, visit www.facecouncil.org or contact Juliet Parnell at 554-3029.

Mark calendars for February strategic 'advance'

Who: Strategic Planning Steering Committee

What: "Advance" focusing on community engagement.

Where: Milo Bail Student Center.

When: Friday, Feb. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Why: To advance the university's performance in the realm of community engagement and provide a forum for faculty, staff, students and visitors to express ideas about the campus.

How: Attend the forum or contact Strategic Planning at 554-2535 or via e-mail at unostratplan@mail.unomaha.edu.

Nominations sought for women's studies award

Who: Members of the women's studies' faculty or staff or students majoring or minoring in women's studies.

What: Nominate a student, faculty or staff member for the Mary Ann Lamanna Award for Excellence in Women's Studies.

Where: Winners will be announced at the annual women's studies' luncheon on May 2.

When: The deadline for nominations is Friday, Feb. 8.

Why: To recognize someone who has performed extraordinary service to UNO's Women's Studies program.

How: Send the following to Jody Neathery-Castro in Arts and Sciences Hall Room 275 or via e-mail at jneathery@mail.unomaha.edu: a one- or two-page nomination letter outlining the nominee's accomplishments and relevancy to the program; at least two supporting letters from women's studies students, faculty or staff; the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae; and a representative sample of the nominee's work relevant to the award. For more information, contact Falconer Al-Hindi at 554-3834 or via e-mail at kfacolneralhindi@mail.unomaha.edu.

For the Record

In the Feb. 1 news article "Student budget commission holds first meeting of term," the *Gateway* misidentified the title of Rita Henry as vice chancellor of student affairs. Henry is actually the assistant vice chancellor of student affairs. The *Gateway* apologizes for this error.

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counteracting hate crimes, also released a statement about the incident. The council is co-chaired by College of Public Affairs and Community Service Dean B.J. Reed.

"We applaud the Omaha Police Department and Prosecutor Kleine for acknowledging that the evidence shows that Brittany Williams was targeted because of her race," the statement said. "Such crimes have an impact that extends beyond the individual victim and can often intimidate other members of the victim's community, leaving them feeling isolated, vulnerable and at risk. By initiating a timely hate crime investigation, the Omaha Police Department reassured the community that bias-motivated violence will not be tolerated in Omaha and that those who engage in it will be aggressively pursued under the law."

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Track records winning weekend

Veteran runners show stripes, excel in Doane, Lincoln meets

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The UNO track team started its season faced with a roster that revealed a plethora of lost All-Americans. Nevertheless, this team has risen to the occasion at a sprinter's pace.

In this final season that UNO athletics will see its membership reside in the North Central Conference, the UNO women's track team went in facing some diversity in its farewell campaign. Several All-American and senior departures left a lot on the shoulders of a few upperclassmen in 2008.

Several other seniors and upperclassmen are also unavailable this year due to redshirting for the opportunity to participate in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association next year.

With these proverbial hurdles ahead, the women have responded to the challenge by posting winning weekends at a consistent pace in the early season meets. Two of UNO's standout junior sprinters, Pinar Saka from Istanbul, Turkey, and Molly Belling from Omaha, are paving the way for a winning season with record-setting performances already in the early going.

Last weekend at the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational in Lincoln, Saka showed her poise by blowing past the opposition on her way to winning the 400-meter dash. The Husker Invitational not only hosts Division II competition but Division I runners as well. Saka's time of 53.77 was the best among all

runners, and her preliminary time on Friday of 53.61 was best among all divisions in the country.

"No one from UNO has ever won the Husker Invitational," said UNO Head Coach Steve Smith. "It's one of the biggest meets in the country indoors. It hosts many different schools from Division I like Florida State, Washington State and Arizona. We're not going up against junior varsity or underclassmen. These Division I schools send their best to run and qualify for nationals, so it's a pretty big deal to win it."

Saka has already set a record time in the 400-meter dash twice and will look to improve on her times as the season goes on. Junior standout sprinter Belling did not run in this weekend's invitational due to a foot injury but should be expected to run again next week.

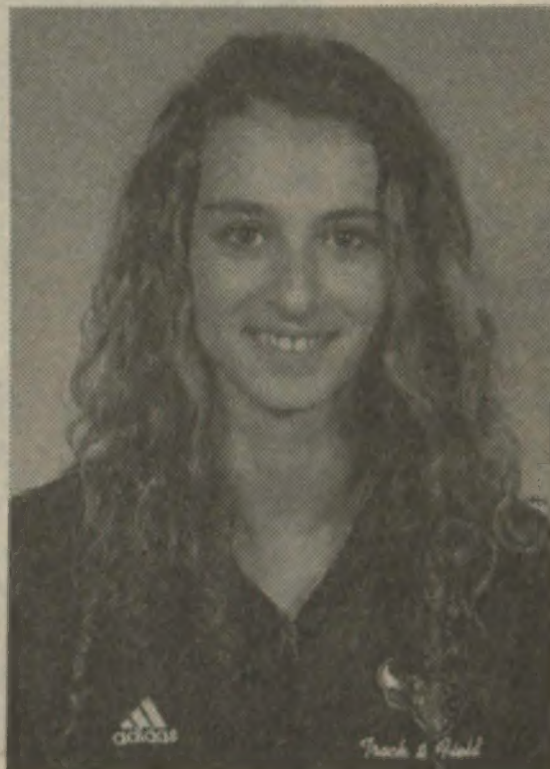
In the Scott Nisely Invitational in Crete, Neb., on Saturday, UNO brought home with them another first place finish.

Junior jumper Ashley Yates won the triple jump title with a mark of 36-6.75 in the event.

Despite a successful weekend, the UNO track team still has much maturing to do to be the best in their conference. Still, the promise to be competitive is there.

The underclassmen have all improved in their respective events and are still learning new events as they go. With all that the season has thrown at these young athletes, they are already showing that they are winners.

The women will head back to Lincoln next weekend to compete in the Adidas Classic Feb. 8 and Feb. 9.



Pinar Saka



Ashley Yates

Tennis stands tall at home in opener

JASON SIBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

UNO showed Nebraska Wesleyan their miserable sense of hospitality Saturday night in the season opener at the Hanscom Park tennis center.

The Mavericks bullied the visiting Prairie Wolves in all six singles matches, and two out of three doubles matches, en route to an 8-1 blowout.

Saturday evening was the first time back in competition at Hanscom Park for the Mavericks since their first-place finish in the North Central Conference tournament last April. The Mavs have lost just two regular season meetings in their own backyard in the last two seasons combined.

Rachel Faulk set the tone for UNO against UNW, trampling over Mikayla Albin 6-1, 6-0. Faulk later teamed up with senior Kylie Roe in an easy 8-1 doubles win.

Faulk is coming off a sophomore campaign that included a team-high 17 singles wins and a second-place finish at the conference championships. With last year's senior captain Maggie Russell lost to graduation, the junior from Marian High will likely be called upon by Head Coach Bill Nichols to assume leadership of this team.

Nichols, now in his eighth season, has been UNO's head coach since the team was formed. A former Wichita State tennis standout, Nichols has led his Mavericks to three straight NCC titles and five straight NCAA tournament berths. This will be the final year for Nichols before his workload doubles, as he will coach a UNO men's tennis team as well next season.

The Mavericks will be competing in the friendly confines of Hanscom Park for over a month before traveling to Kearney in the second week of March. They will kick-off conference play this Friday at 6:30 p.m. against Augustana before hosting Lamoni, Iowa's Graceland on Feb. 22.

Stars return, align for wrestling team

JASON SIBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Apparently, UNO's recent hobbles were nothing a healthy dose of star power couldn't cure.

In the absence of No. 1-ranked Cody Garcia, senior captain Henry Wahle and All-American Sim Bribieseca, who were sidelined with injuries, and No. 2-ranked Ross Taplin, who was out with an illness, the Mavs suffered. Division II's second-ranked wrestling program lost at Division III Augsburg on Jan. 25.

The short-handed Mavs then salvaged a split in Minnesota after fighting off St. Cloud State, but were still anxious to get some of their horses back.

Garcia, Bribieseca, Wahle and Taplin were all back in action in Edmond, Okla., Friday evening. Garcia jump-started the dual by thumping Central Oklahoma freshman Nick Rice with a 15-2 major decision at 125 pounds to send the defending Division II

national champions and No. 3 Bronchos into an early free fall.

The host team momentarily bounced back, taking a narrow 9-8 lead after the meet's early rounds.

Then UNO went for the jugular. The Mavericks won all five second-half bouts, including Taplin's 8-4 decision at 174 pounds, to seal a 26-9 rout.

The confidence UNO gained from the blowout in Edmond spelled doom for No. 4 UNK the following night.

Garcia was flawless again in his role as pacesetter, recording a 17-2 technical fall in the meet's opening bout.

"Cody is such a fantastic wrestler," said sophomore Jacob Marrs, Division II's No. 2 at 197 pounds. "It's great to have that kick-start in the lineup."

Redshirt freshman Mario Morgan's second-period pin of seventh-ranked Joey Morrison at 133 pounds gave the Mavericks a commanding lead, one that they would

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Big wins: Basketball programs defeat St. Cloud

Men move into tie for fourth with Huskies in conference, prepare to face South Dakota

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The Mavericks nabbed a 93-76 victory over visiting St. Cloud State Saturday afternoon to improve to 17-4 on the season and 3-3 within the North Central Conference.

A complete team effort got the Mavericks the victory as five UNO players scored in double figures against the visiting Huskies.

"When we share the ball its tough to beat us," said junior forward Justin Petersen. "When we are unselfish, we are so much better. It's like night and day out there."

Along with rebounding in the game, Head Coach Derrin Hansen felt the team also had some emotional rebounding to do before Saturday's contest.

"After the loss [at Augustana] on Thursday night, we talked to our guys about how coming off an emotional loss is the same as coming off a big high on a win," Hansen said. "I thought our guys showed good focus yesterday and today and had good energy on the floor."

Jerry Bennett had a career night for the Mavericks as he dropped 20 points and added 10 rebounds to earn him his sixth double-double this season.

Bennett, always a dominating rebound machine in the low block, has recently become a fierce scoring threat down low for UNO.

"I take a lot of time after practice to work on my individual skills," Bennett said. "I continue to work on my footwork in the post and finishing at the rim."

Bennett's hard work is clearly paying off for the Mavericks as he bested his previous career high of 18 points.

"I thought

Jerry played as well as he has in a long time tonight versus some good big men," Hansen said. "He has really gotten stronger for us."

But it was Petersen who stole the show in the first half of the contest by pulling down 12 rebounds and flying all over the floor for loose balls. During a particular play, Petersen dove out of bounds into the stands to rescue a loose ball and then hustled back on defense to pull down the rebound on the other end of the floor.

Petersen achieved a career high in rebounds with 15 despite being limited to 21 minutes due to foul trouble in the second half.

"[First year assistant] Coach [Randall] Herb[st] said to me before the game, 'got to have you on the glass tonight,'" Petersen said. "I just try to keep going to get guys on our team extra shots."

"It energizes you," said Hansen of Petersen's hustle. "It gets the guys on the floor going and the bench going and your crowd going."

Andrew Bridger filled another stat sheet with 19 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Senior Denny Johnston also had 19 points to go along with three assists and two blocks. Mitch Albers came off the bench for the Mavericks and scored 12 points.

Michael Jenkins, who is currently fifth in the NCC in scoring, had 15 points which included an eight for eight mark from the charity stripe.

UNO also continued its trend of out-rebounding its opponents as they pulled down 44 to the Huskies' 33.

St. Cloud State was led by David Dreas, who currently ranks second in the NCC in scoring average with 18.5. Dreas, who was coming off recent player of the week honors in the NCC, was masked all game, yet still ended up with 24 points.

"Don't let him have it," said Johnston on the pre-game planning for Dreas. "He's an unbelievable shooter. He shoots all over the floor; he played solid the whole game."



photo by Bill Wendt
Tyler Albers flings a pass in the direction of Jerry Bennett in UNO's win over St. Cloud State on Saturday.

This victory for the Mavericks moves them into a tie for fourth place in the conference with St. Cloud State.

"Got to win on the road in this conference," Johnston said. "We have three road games left and we got to win two out of three, and I think we will be in good shape to be in the top three of the conference."

Bennett

was enthused with how his team played and is looking forward to the games ahead in the conference.

"We just need to continue to play together," Bennett said. "Our goal since day one was to win a NCC championship and we are on the verge of doing that."

The Mavs are back in action again next week against South Dakota. The Coyotes are currently ranked No. 4 in the country according to the latest National Association of Basketball Coaches Division II rankings. In the last meeting, South Dakota gave the Mavericks one of their four losses of the season, defeating the Mavs 81-70. The game is Saturday, Feb. 9, in the Sapp Fieldhouse.

offensive early, so that's what I did."

The match ended with UNO on top 24-12.

After blowing out two of Division II's Top 4 teams in their home buildings, this UNO freight train is clearly running at full capacity, and the timing couldn't be sweeter. The Mavs will host No. 1 Minnesota State, Mankato on Friday, Feb.

Women hold on for victory with clutch layup, big free throws in game's final few seconds

BRETT OSTRONIC
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

UNO's growth and confidence has been stunted as of late with their inability to compete in the second half and match the tempo and decisiveness of the opening 20 minutes. That all changed as conference foe St. Cloud State came into the metro area.

After losing five out of their last six games and allowing an average of 78.2 points per game in that stretch, the Mavs steered their way back Saturday afternoon as they defeated St. Cloud State 81-77 at the Sapp Fieldhouse.

"I'm super proud for my team competing to the end," said UNO Head Coach Patty Patton Shearer after Saturday's big turnaround win.

It was obvious early what the game plan devised by Shearer and staff would be: Play a two-three zone trap, force turnovers on the defensive side of the ball and get as many points in the paint as possible on the offensive side.

The Mavs accumulated 30 first half points in the paint alone to equal SCSU's entire first half total. Alyssa Green led all UNO scorers with nine points and three assists in the half. All but two UNO players added to the 42 total first half points.

For SCSU in the first half, Kayla Rengel led all scorers with 12 points. She added three blocks and a steal. The Huskies shot 33.3 percent from the floor and accrued 50 percent of their first half points from beyond the arc.

"We didn't score in the first half at all," said SCSU Head Coach Dr. Lori Ulchert. "13-24 [overall] from the free throw line and just couldn't score."

The Mavs held SCSU to only four offensive rebounds, and their zone trap

defense forced a total of 11 turnovers that spelled doom for the Huskies late in the half.

The second half began the way it ended, which is something that UNO has been yearning to do since the conference season



photo by Bill Wendt
Cayla Margrove drives to the hoop during UNO's 81-77 victory over St. Cloud State on Saturday.

started. The Mavs pushed the ball up the floor off rebounds and got to the free throw line often.

At the 10:16 mark, the Mavs lead ballooned to 18 points on back-to-back 3-pointers by Green and Ellen Majewski.

The lead then dwindled down to single digits when first year player Jordi Gerking connected on two 3-pointers as part of a 15-1 run for the Huskies.

With the game tied at 77 apiece, the Mavs made a stand. A clutch layup by Green with 9.4 seconds remaining and free throws shortly after by Mary Brown sealed the victory. The Mavs were able to improve their record to 16-6 overall and 2-4 in North Central Conference play.

"That was just Alyssa being aggressive," Shearer said of the go-ahead layup. "She had been upset about missing two previous free throws earlier, and she just took over."

SCSU fell to 9-12 overall and 1-5 in the NCC with Saturday's loss. Coach Ulchert admitted after the game that they were

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Mavs split with No. 5 Michigan State

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Going into the weekend, both UNO and Michigan State's head coaches probably would have taken a split. However, given how both games played out, both are likely left wondering what could have been.

On Friday, UNO took advantage of an overconfident Spartan team that hadn't lost since 2007 and was ranked fifth nationally.

Sophomore Jeric Agosta launched the first shot when he scored at 5:11 of the first period. Michigan State responded with two goals of their own at 6:13 and 11:02, from Justin Abdelkader and Corey Tropp respectively, putting UNO down 2-1 going into the second period.

However, the Mavs would fight back in the second period with help from a pair of veteran forwards. Senior Mick Lawrence scored his ninth power play goal of the regular season and fellow senior Brandon

Scero scored his 11th goal of the year to give the Mavs a 3-2 lead entering the third.

Sophomore Nick Fanto pushed the Spartans further against the wall, making the score 4-2 just under five minutes into the third period. But the No. 5 team in the nation would not give up that easily. Abdelkader struck once again at eight minutes into the period to make the score 4-3 and Bryan Lerg, a perennial thorn in the Mavericks' side, struck with less than two minutes left in the period to tie the game.

The game was pushed to an extra period. The Spartans had all the momentum before junior Dan Charleston, just returning from an overtime penalty, ended their eight game undefeated streak. Just less than three minutes into the overtime period, Charleston skated through the MSU defense to beat goaltender Jeff Lerg.

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never relinquish.

No. 2 Jacob Marrs sealed the Lopers' fate, recording an 11-1 major decision at 197 pounds that put the match officially out of reach.

"He was 184 [pounds], so I knew I was going to have a slight advantage," Marrs said. "My coaches told me to get on the

8, in a rematch of a 19-17 Mankato victory in Cedar Falls, Iowa, for the Nebraska Wrestling Coaches Association National Duals title on Jan. 13.

Needless to say, the Mavs have redemptions on their minds.

"They are going to see a different team," Marrs said. "We'll have Garcia in the lineup, and we feel like every guy has

gotten better since the national duals."

This is one of just three events left for the Mavericks before they begin their March push for a fourth national title in five years.

The assumed thriller will be televised live on NET, but entrance to the dual in the Sapp Fieldhouse will be free for all UNO students.

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Super Bowl ads: Gateway staff picks best, worst

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The Best

There were several ads that made me chuckle, like the one where a man was put in a Toyota Corolla with a mother badger to prove how quiet the car was or the one where former Senator Bill Frist and Democratic commentator James Carville were brought together by their love of Coca Cola, but the one that stood out to me was the Sobe Life Water ad featuring a bunch of dancing lizards to Michael Jackson's "Thriller." It made me laugh, it made me pay attention and it made me remember what the hell they were selling. Screw Naomi Campbell. Give me more dancing lizards.

The Worst

Okay, I'll admit that I probably got sort of excited when I saw the infamous "The Godfather" scene being played out in a Super Bowl ad but when I saw that the big pay off was the front of some car and they were advertising a luxury car, which was an Audi, I just got really mad.

The only thing more offensive than that, I think, is the stupid Lexus commercials that always run during Christmas time.

Super bowl season came and went, bringing joy to some and disappointment to others. The famed Super Bowl ads did not escape the variations.

The Best

By far, the best advertisement of this Super Bowl season belongs to Sobe Life Water.

Naomi Campbell makes an appearance and joins a band of lizards as they remind us of

Michael Jackson's wonder years. All of them dance the "Thriller" and can be described as one of the lizards grillz said: Sweet.

The Worst

Salesgenie.com made me want to puke. In the ad the most stereotypical Asian pandas own a furniture store named Ling Lings Bamboo Furniture. They discuss not wanting to go back to the zoo, have horrible accents and eat their own bamboo furniture. This was a complete disappointment. And rumor has it that this ad was from our very own town.

From talking babies to screaming road kill; from fighting parade balloons to Richard Simmons, the idea reservoir must have been dry this year. Thank goodness for Budweiser.

The Best

Budweiser obviously knows what they're doing when it comes to advertising. They had six ads spanning the whole game and for the most part, they all contained elements that have made Budweiser fan favorites year after year.

The best of the bunch said Bud Light is brewed to give the drinker "everything you want" in a beer, including the ability to breath fire. The ad results in a boyfriend's allergic reaction to his girlfriend's cat, resulting in him setting her whole dining room ablaze, including the cat. In 30 seconds, Budweiser states their product and tells you a night-long story without being vague. The hilarity and direct approach to their advertising is why they are consistently on people's No. 1 list for Super Bowl ads.

The Worst

With the millions of dollars it takes to put a commercial on the Super Bowl one would expect all of them to be zingers. It's funny how many are complete bombs; this year especially.

This year's biggest failure is an ad for Sunsilk brand hair product. It kicks off with a statement: "Some girls make life happen. Their hair tells their story." After 10 seconds or so of famous women, the ad cuts to Sunsilk's line of products with a slogan underneath them saying, "Make your hair happen. Life can't wait. Sunsilk."

While the commercial is visually pleasing, I think this ad was as lame as school on Sundays and made no sense at all. A person's haircut in no way is going to tell you their life story. That only happens in Sunsilk's sick fantasy world.

Memphis band's story comes full circle, releases 'debut' album three years late

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Nashville, Tenn. may be considered "Music City, U.S.A.," but Memphis, Tenn. is the home of rock 'n' roll. While it may sound nitpicky, it's something rockers Egypt Central live by. The five-member band – made up of John T. Falls (vocals), Joey Chicago (bass), Heath Hindman (guitar), Blake Allison (drums) and Jeff James (guitar) – are a true-to-life success story.

Formed in 2001, Egypt Central was signed onto Lava Records by former CEO Jason Flom. The band immediately started working on an album in 2005 with producer Josh Abraham (Velvet Revolver, Linkin Park) but the fast-paced level of the band's success soon came to a screeching halt.

"When we all got together we were young and it was a dream," Falls said in a phone interview. "We were all starry-eyed kids and stuff; we weren't really ready for the music industry." When Flom left as the company's CEO, most of his bands were kicked off the label. Egypt Central was one of the bands caught in the company's massive downsizing before their CD was even released.

"Things were moving well but at a really quick pace and I don't think we were necessarily ready for what was to come," Falls explained. "We got caught in a little bit of a crossfire."

While many bands would take the turn of events as a crushing blow, Falls and the rest of Egypt Central realized they had a nearly complete album and sought to release it themselves. Selling the self-titled album online and at shows, the band started to make some waves in a very music-heavy state.

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The win gave UNO its longest win-streak of the season, three games, but MSU wouldn't let the Mavericks make it four.

Bryan Lerg struck just a minute and nine seconds into Saturday's game. UNO would hold off the Spartans for the rest of the first period but the second period spelled disaster for any hopes the Mavs had of sweeping Michigan State.

Lerg provided assists to Andrew Rowe and Tim Crowder less than thirty seconds apart before calling his own number just over three minutes later to put UNO down 4-0 five minutes into the second period.

UNO fought back with two goals, one in the second period from Mick Lawrence and one in the third from Bryan Marshall, who extended his record-setting point streak to 15 games.

"We felt like people weren't really making good records and we really wanted to get this out there and the fans continued to push that," Falls said. "The harder things got, the more they bought the record and the more that they believed in us and stood by it."

The band sold thousands of copies of their album through heavy promotion and a fan base who liked the band's sound, a mix of the funk, jazz, blues and hard rock Memphis was famous for.

"They kind of fueled it and we learned really quick that the people wearing the suits make the decisions in this business but they're not the ones making the record and they are not the ones buying the record," Falls added.

With the band's earlier experiences to draw from, Egypt Central began to channel that success into something productive.

After having success featured in the 2005 film "The Cave" and WWE's "The Condemned" in 2007, Egypt Central landed spots on stage at last year's Family Values Tour and Ozzfest festivals.

"We got to share the stage with legends and with some of our favorite bands at the same time," Falls explained. "It was a wild experience, man. It was a hell of a roller coaster."

All the hard work paid off as the band was signed to Fat Lady Music and brought their original CD in to be re-mastered, re-packaged and re-sold. Recently released on Jan. 18, almost

three years after it was supposed to, Egypt Central is set to "take over the world," according to Falls.

"Our long term goal is just to continue to play music the rest of our lives and always make great music," Falls said. "I would just say we live day-by-day ... to put on the best possible live show that fans have ever seen and just give them the best every single night."

Omahans will get a chance to experience Egypt Central's live show, as The Prestige Lounge at 169th and Pacific streets will play host to the band's first-ever visit to Nebraska on Feb. 6 at 8 p.m.

For more information on Egypt Central and their debut CD, visit the band's Web site at egyptcentral.net and read the Gateway's review of the album in the Feb. 1 issue.



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unsure of how to handle the new look of this year's Mavericks.

"With all the [UNO] transfers, it's totally new personnel," Coach Ulchert said. "They used them on a lot of one-on-one plays and took advantage of our youth."

In all, the Mavs shot under 50 percent from the floor, but their aggressiveness and determination allowed them to pile up a season high 54 points in the paint.

Green had another outstanding game and led all scorers with 23 points, tallying seven rebounds and five assists. But this was a team win for UNO. Along with Green, four other players scored in double figures. LaToya Wright was two points shy of recording a double-double with 14 rebounds and eight points, while Jill Wolf grabbed six boards and finished with 11 points.

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UNO celebrates Cultural Awareness Week with music and more

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The American Multicultural Student Agency put on another astounding performance for Cultural Awareness Week late January. This event, formerly called "Color Me Human," has been an annual celebration since 2002.

"It was basically designed to provide the opportunity to share cultures," said Sharif Liwaru, cultural awareness programs adviser at UNO.

There were four straight performances throughout the dates of Jan. 27 through Jan. 30, the first consisting of Native American hoop dancing and musical accompaniment.

"It's a great opportunity for people to learn about different cultures," said Humphrey Gadabu, a UNO visitor. "They will learn and appreciate other cultures."

The week followed with celebrations

from Nuff Crisis, a local Omaha reggae band and "Black Lies, White Sheep," a documentary about an African-American in a predominately white rock scene.

The final act for this week was a performance by "Sabor," a Latin musical group.

This educational activity brought in several students from campus.

"I like it," said junior Joe Beccard. "It's a good thing to have different experiences."

To learn more about this activity and others sponsored by the American Multicultural Student Agency, call 554-3696 or visit their Web site at ams.unomaha.edu.



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Reuben Vendejas, above, does a Native American hoop dance that he learned from his older sister. "Hoop dancing is the tale of the creation of the Earth," said Ed Vendejas, Reuben's father.

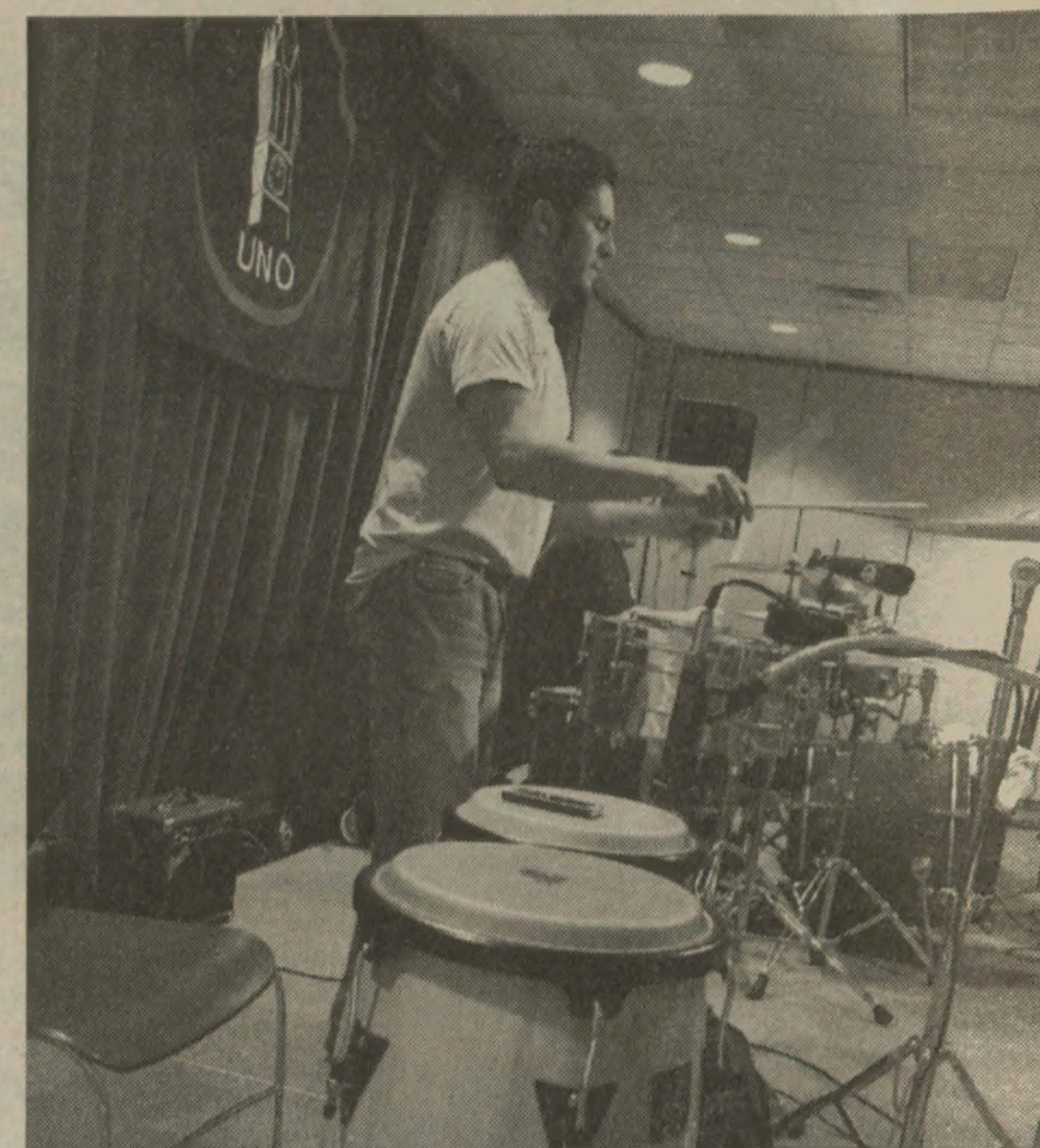


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As part of Cultural Awareness Week, the Latin-influenced band Sabor performed Thursday.



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Afro-punk Director James Spooner, right, talks with UNO student and radio D.J. Mark Pommells after the viewing of "White Lies, Black Sheep" in the Milo Bail Student Center.



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The Latin-influenced band Sabor held a concert Thursday in the Milo Bail Student Center.



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Michael Murphy gives introductions in the Milo Bail Student Center Nebraska Room to people coming to enjoy Native American hoop dancing with musical accompaniment. Murphy acted as the main instrumentalist, attributing his flute playing to his mother.

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to be looked at, better understood and better addressed before anything else is done," Tarry said. "It's not a recommendation that something be done."

The Task Force is made up of more than 25 faculty members and students who meet bi-weekly. The chairs of the committee are Sheri Noren Everts, acting senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs, and Tarry.

"The main objective was to respond to the chancellor's request to explore how we might be able to enhance course offerings in the summer," Tarry said. "And possibly provide more balanced course offerings throughout the year. The Task Force was to explore what would be involved in putting together a proposal to do that."

In a statement, Chancellor John Christensen said that the next step would be to create special work groups to tackle the individual issues named in the report.

"After reviewing the Task Force's materials and speaking with others in higher education, I believe that our next step needs to be to create several work groups to look into specific issues," Christensen said. "Areas such as financial aid, human resources and facilities (to name just a few) all need further cross-campus input."

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Guest Voice: Campus earns failing grade on alerting campus community

Daniel J. Foss is a senior public relations/advertising student at UNO. He plans to graduate next December.

On Jan. 24, a bomb threat was discovered in a bathroom in Arts & Sciences Hall. The threat, which was written on a bathroom stall wall, claimed a bomb would detonate on Feb. 14 at an unspecified time.

Upon discovery of the threat, UNO Campus Security was alerted and, subsequently, the Omaha Police Department was called. A sweep of the building was done, and Campus Security deemed the threat to not be of immediate concern.

As a result, the decision was made not to evacuate the Arts and Sciences Hall or cancel night classes in the building.

I take issue with this because there is no way to know how serious the threat is until after the building has been swept. At the very least the building should have been evacuated until Omaha Police cleared it.

I don't have a problem with deeming the threat not immediate. I do have a problem with how UNO administrators went about notifying the campus community.

There was nothing sent out the day of the threat. No mass e-mail was sent to students and faculty. Students who signed up for the new emergency text message alert system received no notice about the threat.

It was not until the day after the threat that a message was sent out to faculty and students via e-mail.

Even then many students I have talked to had no idea there was a bomb threat on campus. Whenever I bring the topic up, classmates pause and look at me like I am

crazy. "What? There was a bomb threat on campus?" they ask me.

The same goes for faculty. I have spoken with a number of teachers and staff who did not know there was a threat on campus.

Somewhere along the way the message got lost.

I think UNO administrators need to come up with new ways of notifying the campus community to threats of any nature. I believe an e-mail from Chancellor Christensen should have been sent to every e-mail account shortly after the threat was discovered. In that e-mail, he could have reassured students and staff that their safety is of the utmost importance.

A message could have also been sent out using the new text message service. Why have it if you don't use it?

Bomb threats aren't to be taken lightly. Using the text message service would have been the most effective way to reach people since almost everyone has their cell close by.

I also don't think it would have been out of line to post a notice on entrances to each building on campus that informed people of the bomb threat. Such a notice could also tell students and staff to be vigilant of their surroundings and to report any suspicious activity to campus security.

These are just a few things UNO administrators could have done to better notify the campus community of the bomb threat. By getting the message out people can be more alert and more vigilant.

After all, Campus Security can't watch every room of every building on campus. Sometimes they need to rely on the eyes and ears of students and staff as well.

Veggies burgers important on menus

The American burger joint is as iconic a regional restaurant as pizza from an Italian trattoria or a fresh roll from a German bakery.

Hamburgers are an important part of the American diet because they're easy to make, they're affordable and they're a comfort food, at least now that chains like McDonald's have saturated not only the American market, but much of the rest of the world as well.

These same reasons have translated into making the veggie burger a staple food for vegetarians who find themselves eating out on the town. Because of this, veggie burgers are easily the most prevalent, easy-to-find meat alternative available.

In Omaha, quality veggies burgers can be found everywhere from McFoster's Natural Kind Café to Buffalo Wild Wings and Burger King. However, one place they can no longer be found is Village Inn located on 7255 Cedar St.

I went to that particular establishment this weekend with my friend, and Gateway copy editor, Cassy Loseke before going to see the Orpheum Theater's amazing production of "The Phantom of the Opera." We were both shocked to see that Village Inn's Boca burger had been removed from the menu, as well as that the restaurant no longer carried honey mustard.

Village Inn's decision to take the Boca burger off its menu is confusing for a couple reasons.

First of all, Village Inn tries to offer healthy alternatives for customers concerned about nutrition. Folks ordering eggs are able to get

only egg whites, lower fat alternatives are available, fruit can be substituted for French fries, etc.

Boca burgers, though, are considerably healthier than a traditional beef patty. According to bocaburger.com, an original Boca patty contains one gram of fat, 12 fewer than a beef patty. Boca burgers are only 70 Calories per patty, as opposed to the 190 Calories in beef.

In fact, veggie burgers are such a noted nutritional improvement over meat products that many programs, like the one advocated by NBC's "The Biggest Loser," recommend that meat-eaters still consider these healthy alternatives in addition to their regular diet.

Of course, the reason that I'm primarily concerned with the loss of the burger from the menu is that it constitutes the

loss of a vegetarian dining option in town.

The veggie burger is something easy to offer – a few frozen patties take up next to no room in storage, don't spoil rapidly and are relatively inexpensive even at grocery store prices. It is a good solution for a restaurant that doesn't offer a variety of vegetarian options that wants to assure that all customers have options when they open the menu.

Removing the Boca patty is an insult to vegetarians, to people who want healthy options and to any customer who takes the time to consider the decision. It's my hope that Village Inn reconsiders the decision and joins the multitude of restaurants that shows concern for all their customers, not just the group they consider to be their target audience.

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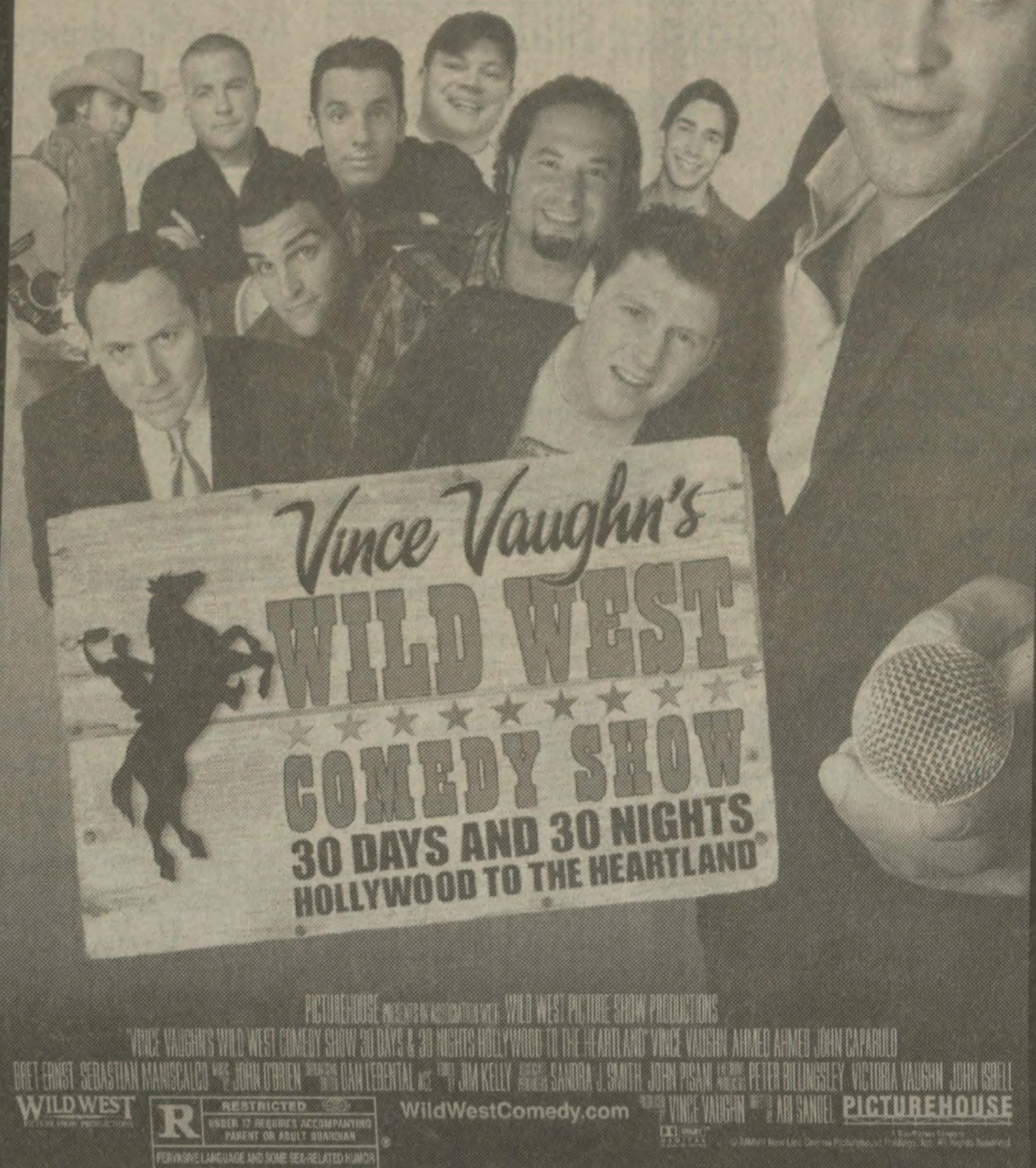
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Three guys looking for two more students to share expenses in this brand new 5 bed, 3 bath home located one block south of 60th & Center. Built in 2006, this home is still like new. We already have a washer, dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, 2 big screen tv's, etc. Just looking for a couple of cool roommates at \$350 each to help with the rent. Call Al at 618-0767 if interested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you St. Jude for many special favors. K.T.

SERVICES

PIANO INSTRUCTION
Experienced, caring teacher with Master's Degree. Children & adults of all ages welcome. Donna Zebolsky 991-5774.

HOUSING

APTS., HOUSES and sleeping rms. for rent, roommate lists - call UNO off-campus Housing Referral Service at 554-2383 or stop in the Admin. Office, Milo Bail Student Center.

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